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Texting while walking is dangerous

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THE READING

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Writing text messages while walking is dangerous. A study says it is more dangerous than texting while driving. Researchers found that there are more injuries to texting pedestrians than there are to texting motorists. Their report says walking is not as easy as we think. We must focus on many things at the same time to walk safely in a straight line. The researchers said that people forget how to walk properly, so dangerous things happen to them. They bump into walls and other people. They walk into cars, fall over things in the street, and even fall into holes or down stairs.

A professor said walking is a difficult action. There are several reasons why texting makes walking dangerous. One is that people cannot see the street. Another is that they are focused on their phone keyboard instead of their feet. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere else - they are not thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because of texting. He said the worst cases are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air he/she has nothing to protect the head. The damage can be serious.

Sources: <http://hothardware.com/News/Texting-And-Walking-Is-Hazardous-To-Your-Health-Too-But-You-Knew-That/>
<http://wtop.com/256/3574525/Texting-walking-more-risky-than-distracted-driving>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. text | a. pedestrians |
| 2. more dangerous than | b. over things |
| 3. there are more injuries to texting | c. into walls |
| 4. walking is not as easy | d. messages |
| 5. walk safely | e. down stairs |
| 6. They bump | f. texting while driving |
| 7. fall | g. as we think |
| 8. fall into holes or | h. in a straight line |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. walking is a | a. A to B safely |
| 2. There are several reasons | b. instead of their feet |
| 3. focused on their phone keyboard | c. why |
| 4. their minds are | d. are head injuries |
| 5. walking from | e. the head |
| 6. over 6,000 people | f. difficult action |
| 7. the worst cases | g. somewhere else |
| 8. she has nothing to protect | h. visited his hospital |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Writing text messages (1) _____. A study says it is more dangerous than texting while driving. Researchers found that there are (2) _____ pedestrians than there are to texting motorists. Their report says walking (3) _____ think. We must focus on many things at the same time to walk safely (4) _____. The researchers said that people forget how to walk properly, so dangerous things happen to them. They (5) _____ and other people. They walk into cars, fall over things in the street, and (6) _____ or down stairs.

A professor said walking (7) _____. There are several reasons why texting makes walking dangerous. One is that people (8) _____. Another is that they are focused on their phone keyboard (9) _____. A final reason is that their (10) _____ else - they are not thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because of texting. He said the (11) _____ injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air he/she has nothing (12) _____. The damage can be serious.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
